

Grant may mean tuition cut for IUS students

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INDIANAPOLIS — Students paying resident tuition at Indiana University — including at Indiana University Southeast in New Albany — can earn \$200 or \$300 toward next year's bill under a one-year incentive grant program that IU President Michael McRobbie announced Tuesday.

Undergraduate students must take a full class load and earn a B average this semester and next to qualify for the program, which was introduced in part to appease

a key legislator unhappy about IU's recent tuition increases.

Students at IU's Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses, which have the system's highest costs, can qualify for \$300 off next year's tuition. Students at IUS and other IU regional campuses can qualify for a \$200 discount. That includes Kentucky students at IUS who pay Indiana resident tuition under a reciprocity agreement among Louisville-area schools.

Graduating seniors who have a B average in the current semester will receive the discount for the second semester of classes.



IU President Michael McRobbie said the incentive plan could save students \$200 or \$300 on their tuition bills.

McRobbie said the program will provide "added incentives to work hard, stay in school and get good grades."

The grants will cost IU an estimated \$3 million, which the school will cover by finding additional savings in operations and through private donations to ex-

isting scholarship programs.

The grants will mitigate the impact of tuition increases slated to go into effect next year.

At IU Southeast, for example, base tuition this year is \$5,890. It is scheduled to increase by 4.6 percent — or \$273 — next year. But a student who gets the incentive grant will reduce the increase to \$73, or about 1.2 percent.

Sen. Luke Kenley, chairman of the State Budget Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee, applauded the program.

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